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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER  
DATE 1/21/70 THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Discussing Warsaw Meeting with Other  
Governments

have requested appointments here, at the working level, to discuss yesterday's Warsaw meeting. In the past, we have regularly briefed these governments, as well as certain others, on our Warsaw exchanges.

In the case of the GRC, the briefing serves the essential function of minimizing Taipei's concern about our policy; in the other cases, the practice is consistent with our exchanges with these close allies on other matters and with our need to obtain similar information from them about their own relations with Peking. Over the years, these governments have invariably respected the confidential nature of our briefings.

We plan to see officers from each of the five embassies today and tomorrow, feeling it essential to do so promptly to maintain our credibility with them. We plan to brief them in general terms.

we would state that we expressed our wish to reduce tensions in Asia and specifically our desire for improvement in our relations with Peking. We reaffirmed our neutrality in the Sino-Soviet dispute and our desire to improve relations with both Peking and Moscow. We recalled our moves in 1969 to liberalize trade and a number of other proposals for exchanges and communication between the United States and mainland China. We expressed interest in learning Chinese views on these issues.

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We would say that we emphasized our wish for peace in Asia and our hope that the Chinese would contribute toward this goal. We stressed the importance of disarmament as a means to reduction of tensions and expressed the hope that we and Peking might discuss this subject further.. We noted our continuing wish for peace in the Taiwan area while reiterating that our commitments to the GRC remain unaltered.

Finally, we renewed our concern for Americans being held in Communist China and urged their release. We also sought Peking's cooperation in the identification of Americans missing in China.

In reporting on the Chinese response we would say that they reiterated in detail their position with respect to Taiwan and their claim that it was the United States position on this issue which prevented further progress toward improving Sino-US relations. They did this, however, in a non-polemic fashion and clearly left the door open for further contacts and discussions.

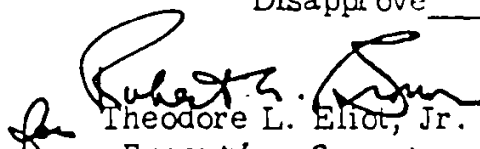
As in the past we would go into slightly more detail with \_\_\_\_\_ will be especially keen this year in view of their own current moves to open further dialogue with Peking, which they have informed us about in detail in advance.

If, as is likely, there are inquiries from other countries, our replies would be more general.

We would in every case stress the extreme importance of keeping this information secret.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

  
Theodore L. Elliot, Jr.  
Executive Secretary  
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